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SUBJECT: GOI DECIDES TO LIMIT ISRAELI ARAB TRAVEL TO JORDAN

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1.IN A CONVERSATION WITH AN EMBOFF APRIL 25, THE
PRIME MINISTER'S ADVISOR ON ARAB AFFAIRS (GUR-ARIEL)
SAID THAT FOLLOWING SUSPENSION OF VISITS BY ISRAELI
ARABS TO JORDAN (REFTEL,GOI POLITICAL REVIEW OF
THE MATTER HAS BEEN COMPLETED AND A DECISION HAS
BEEN TAKEN TOAPPROVE SUCH TRAVEL "FOR HUMANITARIAN
PURPOSES ONLY." REQUESTS BY ISRAELI ARABS FOR
SUCH TRAVEL WOULD BE RVIWED ON A CASE-BY-CASE
BASIS. THE GOI DOES NOT PLAN TO ANNOUNCE ITS
DECISION.

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2.GUR-ARIEL EXPLAIND THAT THE ISRAELI LEADER-
SHIP HAD REACTED NEGATIVELYTO STATEMENTS BY
THE KING AND OTHER JORDANIANS THAT THE VISITORS
WERE FROM "THE OCCUPIED LAND" ARTHUR THAN FROM
ISRAEL.THE ISRAELIS HAD ALSO NOTED THAT WITH
FEW EXCEPTIONS,THE VISITORS HAD IDENTIFIED

THEMSELVES AS REASIDENTS OF ACRE OR NAZARETH OR
HAIFA, RATHER THAN AS CITIZENS OF ISRAEL. IN
SUM, THE GOVERNMENT HAD FELT THAT IT HAD GAINED
LITTLE FROM ITS "EXPERIMENT."

3. COMMENT: GUR-ARIEL, WHO IN HIS CAPACITY
AS ACTING ADVISOR TO THE PRIME MINISTER ON ARAB
AFFAIRS HAD PERSONALLY INITIATED GOI APPROVAL
FOR THE VISITS, SEEMED SOMEWHAT EMBARRASSED BY THE
GOVERNMENT'S DECISION. "I WOULD DO THE SAME
THING AGAIN," HE SAID DEFENSIVELY. AS FOR THE
ABSENCE OF PUBLICITY ABOUT THE DECISION, THE GO
APPARENTLY WISHES TO AVOID CONNECTIONS WITH ITS
SUPPORT FOR "OPEN BRIDGES."
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